

State, Tony Trono also runs a week-long summer math camp at the University of Vermont.

Because family reasons precluded him from accompanying the team this year, as he has done so often before, Barbara Unger chaperoned the team to Penn State. Like Tony a retired math teacher, from Middlebury Union High School, she said of Tony Trono, "He has given his life to upper level math." How true that is!

Our Nation has excelled in the areas of math, engineering and science in large measure because of dedicated teachers such as Tony Trono—and Barbara Unger. They serve as role models to future generations of teachers, in addition to so ably training generation after generation of capable—and as the recent success of the Vermont All Stars indicates—superior mathematicians. Our State and our Nation owe a deep debt of gratitude to Tony Trono and to the many thousands of dedicated math teachers who follow along similar paths by sharing their love of mathematics.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARTESIAN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, today I recognize the community of Artesian, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Artesian is a rural community infused with hospitality, beauty, and an exceptional quality of life.

The city of Artesian was founded in 1883 and named after the abundance of flowing wells, known as artesian wells, in its part of South Dakota. As over a third of its citizens are of German descent, the Artesian community of Sanborn County still appreciates and exemplifies its rich heritage.

Today, Artesian has come a long way from its days as a railroad supply center. The town now boasts a variety of businesses, including those in both the service and manufacturing sectors. A community center, multiple churches, a post office, veterinarian, and 4-H club continuously bring the community closer.

The people of Artesian celebrate this momentous occasion on the weekend of July 4-6, 2008 with a street dance, fireworks, and a parade. South Dakota's small communities are the bedrock of our economy and vital to the future of our State. It is especially because of our small communities, and the feelings of loyalty and familiarity that they engender, that I am proud to call South Dakota home. Towns like Artesian and its citizens are no different and truly know what it means to be South Dakotan. One hundred twenty-five years after its founding, Artesian remains a vital community and a great asset to the wonderful state of South Dakota. I am proud to honor Artesian on this historic milestone.●

GREENLAND POINT CENTER, INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, as this Saturday marks the official beginning of summer, I rise to recognize a small nonprofit from my home State of Maine that has championed the activities that have made the State a long-time destination for seasonal travel and exploration. Since 2005, the Greenland Point Center, Inc., on Long Lake in Princeton, has served to educate both youth and adults on issues of conservation and leadership while promoting outdoor activities and learning.

Originally founded in 1978, the Greenland Point Center previously operated under the auspices of the University of Maine at Machias. Facing closure in 2004, community members and conservation groups from around the state rallied behind it, purchasing the land that housed the camp from the University and revitalizing the program.

Today the Greenland Point Center, which has become a perennial favorite for Mainers and their families, hosts a series of camps designed to allow children and families to explore the natural world and grow as individuals. At the same time, the center works to empower campers by teaching them many of the vital safety skills that are imperative to the successful enjoyment of this Nation's natural resources. The center's exciting camp programs range from the more traditional Wet 'N' Wild Camp, where campers learn to canoe and sail, to the Downeast Teen Leadership Camp, where middle-school students from Maine's Washington County have an opportunity to learn the skills necessary to help them lead healthy lifestyles as they progress through the often challenging adolescent years. Thousands of young men and women who have attended the Greenland Point Center's camps have come to appreciate the solemn responsibilities of environmental stewardship while being encouraged to enjoy the boundless energies of youth.

The firm has a deep commitment to making the opportunities that it offers available to all youth, regardless of their financial situation. To promote that goal, the Greenland Point Center works tirelessly to provide scholarships for financially disadvantaged individuals who wish to experience the natural wonders of the State of Maine. Of particular note, each year's Maine Moose Permit Auction raises scholarship money for the Center, affording numerous youngsters from across the State the chance to take part in discovering Maine's beautiful surroundings.

Additionally, the Greenland Point Center is an active participant in the nationwide "Hooked on Fishing—Not On Drugs" program. Founded by the Future Fisherman Foundation and funded through the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, "Hooked on Fishing—Not On Drugs" seeks to keep Maine's youth off drugs by teaching angling skills, conservation efforts, and social skills, pre-

serving proud traditions while promoting a healthy way of life.

The State of Maine has long been a proud bastion of outdoor adventure and protecting the environment. The Greenland Point Center has served to help maintain the appreciation of nature and all of its wonder. Coupled with lessons in healthy physical, mental, and emotional lifestyles, the Greenland Point Center has served the youth of Maine and the Nation while shaping a new generation of leaders and entrepreneurs. I congratulate the Greenland Point Center on its past achievements and wish everyone involved success as the Center continues to nurture America's youth.●

RECOGNIZING DR. ED RENWICK

● Mr. VITTER. Madam President, today I stand in recognition of Dr. Ed Renwick, who served as director of the Loyola University Institute of Politics for more than 30 years, until his recent retirement on June 1, 2008. I would like to take some time to make a few remarks on his accomplishments as director and recognize his contributions to the Louisiana community.

As the director of this unique educational program, he served as a mentor to many future politicians and political experts. His keen ability to explain the nuances of Louisiana politics made him particularly extraordinary and provided his many students with a unique insight into our State's storied history. His teaching methods were groundbreaking as they focused on the empirical ends of Government rather than their theoretical origins. In particular, Dr. Renwick focused on the way in which political theory works in practice, how it actually affects the daily decisions of elected officials and political candidates.

In addition to his service as director, he also served as a respected member of the political science faculty, which he will continue to serve following his retirement. As both an administrator and an educator, Dr. Renwick was well known for his insights that jumpstarted the political careers of many Louisianans. In choosing his fellows, he targeted individuals from diverse political, economic and social groups, in order to force bipartisan efforts to work through complex issues important to Louisiana. Thus, he taught them the importance of finding common ground rather than letting them crumble under their differences.

I was fortunate enough to be a fellow under Renwick, and I can confidently say that I am still benefitting from the knowledge and experience I gained during the program. Dr. Renwick's innovative methods helped reveal the idiosyncrasies of Louisiana politics to his students.

Thus, today, I am proud to honor a fellow Louisianan, Dr. Ed Renwick, for his distinguished service to the Loyola University community and the State of Louisiana.●